

## ORDER FREIGHT RATE CUT AVERAGING 10 PER CENT TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Reduction Ordered Today by Interstate Commerce Commission in Decision—Decreases Are on Horizontal Basis and Constitute Greater Cut than Was Expected—Will Be Effective July 1—Hold Roads Entitled to Earn 5 3/4 Per Cent on Their Property Rather than Approximately Six Per Cent Fixed as Reasonable Return in Transportation Act of 1920—Agricultural Products Not Affected as Former Slashes Cover Those Commodities.

## PASSENGER, PULLMAN CHARGES UNAFFECTED

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Reduction in freight rates averaging about 10 per cent were ordered today by the interstate commerce commission, in a decision resulting from its inquiry in the general rate structure of the nation.

The cut in freight rates was fixed by the commission at 14 per cent in eastern territory; 13 and one-half per cent in western territory and 12 and one-half per cent in the southern and mountain Pacific territories. All reductions ordered are effective July 1, and constitute a greater cut than was generally expected.

The commission in ordering the decreases—which are on a horizontal basis—held that the nations railroads are entitled to earn five and three-quarters percent on the value of their property rather than the approximate six percent fixed as a reasonable return under the transportation act of 1920.

Other Rates Unchanged. Transportation charges on passenger travel and Pullman charges were left unaffected by the decision.

Agricultural products will not be affected by the reduction granted under the commission's order today. The reduction of 16 1/2 percent made in the western hay and grain rates last fall and the voluntary 10 percent cut made in all agricultural products by railroads Jan. 1 will be substituted for the decision on these commodities. The commission in its decision declared a general reduction in rate levels as substantial as the condition of the carrier will permit will tend to stabilize conditions of all business.

Transportation charges have mounted to the point where they are impeding the free flow of commerce, the commission's decision, which ordered a far greater reduction of rates than had been anticipated in any quarter, said, and are thus tending to the defeat of the purpose for which they were established, that of producing revenue which would enable the carriers to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation.

Averages 10 Per Cent. Only two members of the board commissioners Lewis and Cox dissented holding that the adjustments should have been made in commodity rates rather than on a horizontal basis. Chairman McChord and other commissioners accepted this view in a supplemental opinion concurring with the majority.

In western territory the commission ordered a cut of approximately 13 1/2 per cent, and in the southern and mountain Pacific groups approximately 12 1/2 per cent. All effective July 1.

The commission's rate cut was more horizontally and a percentage of the general increases given to all railroad rates in 1920.

Commission's Order. The order of the commission fixing the new level of rates defined the percentages of reduction as follows: In the eastern group, also between Illinois territory and the eastern group, 26 per cent instead of the 40 per cent authorized in the decisions last cited (the rate increases of 1920). In the western group and between the western group and Illinois territory, 21 to 50 per cent instead of 35 per cent so authorized.

In the southern and mountain Pacific groups, 12 to 50 per cent instead of 25 per cent so authorized. On inter-territorial traffic except as otherwise provided, 20 per cent instead of 33 to 13 per cent so authorized.

Separate Opinion. Commissioner Potter in a separate opinion concurring with the majority declared that the fixing of "the percentages mentioned, is in effect a requirement that present rates and charges shall, generally speaking, be reduced ten per cent—certain reductions heretofore made to be treated as part of such ten percent reduction."

The majority opinion revised the recent history of rate regulations and set forth summaries of arguments made by shippers in favor of reductions and carriers against reductions. It expressed the conclusion that "assumption that railroad rates can or should be stabilized on the present high basis is futile."

The majority further said that "until the public is convinced that there is little likelihood of immediate further material reductions in prices or transportation charges, confidence necessary to normal business will to that extent be impaired."

Explaining the reason for adopting a horizontal method of reducing freight rates, the commission said that while alterations in price levels had unequalled affected different commodities, "the needs of commerce cannot be met if rates are to fluctuate with market prices of commodities." Its conclusion was that "reduction should be made generally upon all commodities in substantially equal ratio."

In the matter of reasonable return the commission pointed out that until March 1, 1922, railroads had been legally entitled to six percent annual earnings on the aggregate value of property used in transportation. The sum was fixed by the transportation

## FIVE STEEL HEADS TELL DAUGHERTY OF STEEL MERGER PLAN

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 24.—Representatives of five of the independent steel companies considering a merger were understood to have informed Attorney General Daugherty at a conference here today that the projected consolidation would not be consummated until the department of justice had been fully advised.

When the conference was arranged last week, the attorney general said he had been informed by an official of one of the companies that there was never any intention of bringing about the merger before consultation with the department. Unconfirmed reports from New York last night, however, said the merger already had become effective as to three of the companies—the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company, the Inland Steel company and the Republic Iron and Steel company and that three others would be added to the group within the next day or two. It was said the originally planned seven-company amalgamation had been reduced to the six-company combine.

## NEW INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST LABOR "BIG THREE"

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, May 24.—Authority for the employment of 1,000 additional policemen was voted today at the request of Chief of Police Fitzmorris.

CHICAGO, May 24.—New indictments charging "Big Tim" Murphy, Tom Shea and Fred Mader and five others with murder in connection with the police term a labor war, were returned today by the county grand jury.

The indictments were returned to overcome technical errors believed to exist in the first ones, which were voted hurriedly so that the men could be held.

The others named in the indictment were John Miller, alleged driver of the car from which a policeman was shot; Margaret Hommel, also named as Mrs. John Miller, Charles Duschinsky, and Stanley Eysk, alleged labor bomber, and Daniel McCarthy, business agent of the plumbers' union. The murder indictments charge the men with murdering Police Lieutenant Terrence Lyons, who was shot to death while investigating alleged labor bombings.

## DECLARES DAUGHERTY HAD SECRET SERVICE WATCH CONGRESSMEN

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, May 24.—Attorney General Daugherty was charged by Senator Caraway, Democrat, Ark., speaking today in the senate, to have assigned secret service operatives to shadow members of congress.

The Arkansas senator declared Mr. Daugherty never had denied the charge recently made by H. L. Seaford, discharged department of justice employee, that secret service men, including a negro coachman, had been assigned to follow members of the house. The senator added the statement that he knew of a witness, who would testify that "secret service men are trailing members of the senate, as well as spying on members of the house."

Another statement, made by Senator Caraway, was that the attorney general and C. B. Felder, New York attorney, "suggested" that Charles W.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS MEN SEE BETTER TRADE AS RESULT OF CUT

Reduction of freight rates as ordered by the interstate commerce commission means a general stimulation of virtually every line of business in the city, in the opinion of leading manufacturers interviewed Wednesday.

Manufacturers of automobile bodies, farm implements and other products joined in the statement that the reduction could mean but one thing, increased trade.

"That's fine!" said E. H. Cureton of the Richmond works, International Harvester company, when told of the change in rates. "This reduction will affect us indirectly, as it will enable the farmers to buy implements that they could not afford to take before."

The farmer is the only individual who has to pay the freight both ways, once on the farm products and once on the stuff he buys.

Mr. Cureton said that it would take some time for the reduction to show any marked effect among the farming community, but he expected that by the end of summer, business would be near normal.

H. R. Robinson, of the Swayne-Robinson company, said the new rate would be of greatest benefit to that plant because of the hay bales trade.

"In addition to the direct benefit to business," said Mr. Robinson, "there is a psychological effect. We have all been looking for this reduction, and now that it is here, there will be increased confidence in business in general."

M. D. Shugart, of the Wayne Works, said the general effect would be to put Richmond on the map, giving the customers in the south and west better opportunity to trade. "The rates should have been lowered long ago," he said. "It means a reduction in the cost of everything with an increased trade as the result."

## Britain's Queen and King Honor Edith Cavell, Martyred English Nurse



The king and queen of England, accompanied by Earl Beatty, first lord of the British admiralty, and Earl Haig, played an important part in an impressive ceremony at the memorial in Brussels, Belgium, erected in memory of Edith Cavell, English nurse, shot by the Germans as a spy during the war. They placed a large wreath of lilies and palms, with a ribbon composed of Belgian, British and French colors at the foot of the memorial. The picture shows the king and queen standing near the spot where the heroic nurse and 34 other persons were shot by the Germans.

## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' UNIONS MAY FIGHT MOVE TO LENGTHEN DAY TO EIGHT HOURS

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU  
WASHINGTON, May 24.—An eight-hour work day for government employees in Washington is being considered by the administration as another move in the direction of putting more business into government. Such action, it is believed, will not be accomplished without a determined effort to defeat it on the part of various federal employees' unions.

At present the maximum day for the government employee in Washington is seven and one-half hours. In practice, however, the majority of the departments and bureaus in Washington only observe a seven-hour day. The seven and one-half hour work day for government workers in Washington is fixed by law and by the regulations of the civil service commission.

Government employees in Washington also have Saturday afternoons off for 13 weeks during the summer. This gives them a working schedule of 45 hours a week during the winter months and 41 hours a week during the summer months. In addition, government employees are entitled to 30 days' vacation on full pay annually. They also are given a minimum of 15 days and a maximum of 30 days sick leave on full pay annually.

The difference is optional with the heads of bureaus. It is a custom for

## GEN. WOOD IS SAFE; TOOK REFUGE FROM TYPHOON ON ISLAND

(By Associated Press)  
MANILA, May 24.—Leonard Wood, governor general of the Philippines, is safe after being missing 36 hours on the yacht Apo, following a typhoon, according to word received here early today.

The yacht was reported to have taken refuge on an island near Mindoro, where the governor accompanied by his wife and daughter, had gone Saturday on an inspection trip. Since the typhoon, which has been felt for the safety of General Wood and his family. The Apo is a small yacht and vessels generally in the vicinity of Mindoro were driven helpless before the storm. For two days efforts to reach the Apo were unavailing.

BAKER TO SPEAK  
(By Associated Press)  
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, May 24.—Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war, will speak at Memorial Day exercises here.

Weather Forecast  
By W. E. Moore.

Partly cloudy—occasional showers and thunderstorms tonight and Thursday.

The storm center is over the Mississippi valley states, and will cause continued unsettled weather for the next 36 hours, with occasional rains and thunderstorms.

Temperatures Yesterday.  
Maximum ..... 81  
Minimum ..... 59

Today.

Weather Conditions—Fair weather prevails over the eastern states. Unsettled showery weather extends from Ohio westward to Kansas. Heavy rainfall is over the lower Ohio valley, and portions over the Missouri valley.

Fair weather prevails over the western states. It has been quite cool over western Canada. At Calgary, Alberta, Tuesday it was 28 above zero, but was getting warmer again in that section today. Another storm is developing over the southern Rocky mountain states. Temperatures in far south are ranging from 100 to 104.

For Indiana—By United States Weather bureau. Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday, probably showers—not much change in temperature.

Paid Circulation  
Yesterday, was  
11,842

all federal workers who have not used up their sick leave by actual sickness to add it to their vacation period so that at a minimum government employees in Washington have 45 days away from the office on full pay in addition to their 13 Saturday half-holiday during the summer.

The distinction is sharply drawn between government employees in Washington and those in the field.

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## BRITISH AVIATORS HOP OFF IN FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD

(By Associated Press)  
CORYDON, England, May 24.—Major W. T. Blake and two companions started from the airbase here at 3:05 o'clock this afternoon on an attempted 30,000 miles aeroplane flight around the world.

CORYDON, England, May 24.—The Corydon aerodrome which is London's terminal for journeys by air to Paris and other continental points was packed today with sightseers eager to witness the departure of Major W. T. Blake and his companions on their attempted 30,000 mile flight around the world.

Major Blake's associates in the adventure are Captain Norman MacMillan and Lieut. Col. L. E. Broome. Brilliant sunshine, with a light breeze, made the weather conditions perfect for the take-off. An official tone was given to the event by the presence of Major General Sir William Bracken, director of civil aviation.

The machine the aviators are using is a Vickers Vimy, capable of making 110 miles an hour. It has the very latest equipment for comfort and a special attention has been paid to the petrol systems. A thorough test has been given the machine and it was taken up again today by Pilot MacMillan for the final spin prior to the great flight which is expected to last 90 days.

The start was scheduled for 1 o'clock, the first stop being at Paris. Tomorrow the aviators expect to reach Lyons, France, and thence will fly to Rome and by stages through India, China, Japan, Alaska and the United States, crossing the Atlantic from Newfoundland via Greenland and Iceland.

## BOYS' SUMMER CAMP GROUNDS PURCHASED BY KIWANIS-ROTARY

Twenty-seven acres of ideal summer camp ground, together with a seven room cottage, barn and caretaker's building, along one of the most beautiful portions of the White water river, has been purchased by the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of the city, according to Denver Harlan, chairman of a joint committee appointed for the purpose.

The ground purchased is a part of the Elizabeth Cory tract, along the east fork of the Whitewater river, three-fourths of a mile north of Fairfield. It is estimated that the distance from Richmond is 25 miles. Title to the land is to be received by the clubs within the next 10 days to two weeks, it is stated. The entire purchase price of the site is being defrayed by the clubs named.

Boys of the city over 10 years of age will be given an outing at this camp, 50 boys at a time, under the supervision of Perry Wilson, boys' secretary of the M. C. A. Many natural advantages most needed for a boys' summer camp is to be found on the tract bought, Mr. Harlan said including good spring water.

## ITALY AND RUSSIA SIGN TRADE PACT

(By Associated Press)  
GENOA, May 24.—A commercial treaty between Soviet Russia and Italy was signed in the royal palace this afternoon.

## MASONIC DELEGATES VISIT STATE HOME AT FRANKLIN WEDNESDAY

BULLETIN  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—Dr. Joseph J. Rae, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Richmond, Wednesday was appointed grand chaplain of the Indiana grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons by Robert W. Phillips, newly elected grand master.

(Special to The Palladium)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 25.—Delegates to the 105th annual session of the grand lodge of Indiana Free and Accepted Masons, Wednesday morning visited the Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin. The boys' band from the home was to furnish music for the delegates.

The following officers of the grand lodge were elected shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon: Robert W. Phillips, Richmond, grand master; Charles A. Lippincott, South Bend, deputy grand master; Lee Dinwiddie, Fowler, senior grand warden; Albert W. Funkhouser, Evansville, junior grand warden; Frank E. Gavin, Indianapolis, grand treasurer; W. H. Swintz, Indianapolis, grand secretary; James W. Dunbar, of New Albany, was elected grand trustee for a three year term.

Committee reports and election of officers occupied most of Tuesday afternoon. Reports also were read by the secretary, treasurer and the trustees.

Delegates attended a banquet at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. Governor Warren T. McCray was the principal speaker. Omar B. Smith, of Rochester, retiring grand master, presided. More than 1,000 delegates representing nearly all of the 600 subordinate lodges in the state, are in attendance. More than 114,000 members are affiliated with the grand lodge of Indiana.

## MAN, WOMAN RIVALS IN MINNESOTA FOR SEAT IN U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The fact that the women voters were the largest single factor in the success of Gifford Pinchot in Pennsylvania and the fact that this was the most conspicuous demonstration the country has so far had of organized activity on the part of the women along lines distinct from those followed by the men voters suggest that a good deal of public interest attaches to a situation developing in Minnesota. In that state there is likely to be seen this summer the spectacle of a clean fight for the United States senatorship between a man and a woman.

Unless the table is reset in Minnesota by some event not now foreseen, the Republican candidate for the United States senate will be the present senator, Frank B. Kellogg, and his Democratic opponent will be Mrs. Peter B. Olesen.

The spectacle of a veteran public man running for the senate, with the opposition represented by a woman with a regular party nomination, will be unprecedented in American politics.

Mr. Kellogg, aside from being senator, is one of the best known lawyers in America. He has been president of the American Bar association and he was counsel for the United States government in the suits against the Union Pacific railroad and against the Standard Oil company.

Mrs. Olesen is the wife of the city superintendent of schools in the little Minnesota town of Cloquet. Mrs. Olesen first became conspicuous in her home community as a speaker at meetings of women's clubs and the like. Later she became a Chautauqua lecturer and entered active politics as one of the Minnesota delegates to the Democratic national convention to San Francisco two years ago. She is described as the greatest woman orator in the west.

This is the Minnesota senatorship fight as it is now staged. There is a possibility, but not a likelihood, of its being changed.

The Republican state convention has nominated Mr. Kellogg and the Democratic state convention has nominated Mrs. Olesen. The Minnesota primary

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## REPUBLICANS PRAISE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Senator Watson Lauds Executive, Legislative and Diplomatic Record—McCray Discusses State Issues.

## BEVERIDGE SEES DUTY

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—Efficient and wise management of the nation's affairs, both domestic and international, and substantial results in relieving "the evils of eight years of Democratic misrule" were claimed for the Harding administration in an address here today by Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, before the Indiana Republican state convention.

For years it has been the custom of Indiana Republicans to have the keynote of the national campaigns sounded before them and Senator Watson's speech, which was discussed in advance with President Harding, will be incorporated in the party literature for the congressional campaign this fall.

Gov. Warren T. McCray discussed state issues, calling attention to "forward looking legislation" enacted by the last general assembly and also presented a defense of the borrowing of funds for the conduct of state business.

Beveridge Speaks  
Albert J. Beveridge, the party's nominee for United States senator, was yet another speaker. He praised the Harding administration, declaring that "America is to be congratulated on an official record so splendid." Mr. Beveridge also complimented the administration of Governor McCray, saying that the governor's "superb conduct of his great office has so strengthened our party in the confidence of the people."

The addresses of the leaders comprised the program of today's session of the convention. Nominations for ten state offices will not come before the convention until tomorrow and the adoption of a platform will also be left for the second day.

Senator Watson praised the executive, legislative and diplomatic record of the present administration and recalled the recent Democratic administration as "debt-incurring, deficit-creating, bond-issuing, surplus scattering, factory-closing, industry paralyzing, prosperity-destroying, social upheaving and cataclysm-producing."

"We are not responsible for all this waste," he declared. "We did not produce all the wreckage. We did not incur these debts. We have not piled up this mountain of obligations and those gentlemen who are responsible for all this riotous orgy of extravagance and all this upsetting of industry and unsettling of financial conditions, now stand and jeer at us because in 14 months we have not overcome all the evil they produced in eight years."

Long Strides Taken  
"We have not yet accomplished all that we have set out to do," he continued. "We have not cured all the ills and corrected all the mistakes and over come all the evils of eight years of Democratic misrule but certainly we have taken long strides in the right direction and it is the duty of the Republican party cannot adjust matters what hope is there in turning to the organization that caused all this disaster in the beginning?"

Reduction of taxes and appropriations, reorganization of the shipping board, agricultural relief, the tariff bill and diplomacy of the present administration were emphasized by Senator Watson.

"This administration does not need an apologist," said Senator Watson. "No administration ever before came into power confronting such problems of such complexity and difficulty as those which were inherited by President Harding and the Republican Congress."

Praises Conference.  
President Harding's call for the arms conference, he declared, was "the largest step toward international peace with justice the world has ever known in all its history." The Four Power treaty, the senator said, brought understanding and assurances of peace. Declaration of the invitation to the Geneva conference also commended by Mr. Watson, who said it was a political and not an economic conference.

"The world by this time ought to understand," he continued, "that we do not intend to become involved in their political wrangles and that we are willing to lend aid or give counsel and maintain always a sympathetic attitude, yet we will refuse to be dragged into their financial difficulties and we always will decline to meddle with their national affairs or to become involved in their age old rivalries. We do not intend to get into this confused jumble of European animosities. This attitude of the administration meets with the hearty approval of everybody except the internationalists of a most extreme type."

Domestic Affairs.  
In domestic affairs, Senator Watson said the Harding administration stood for "full freedom in business and a recognition of the larger rights of the individual to control and operate his own business affairs."

"The new freedom" preached by Woodrow Wilson was a grotesque travesty on the very name," he added, "while the enfranchisement of business under Harding is an accomplished fact."

Notwithstanding the near approach to collapse of the monetary system of nearly every country in Europe, he continued, "we have balanced our budget, we are living within our income, we have issued no bonds and sold no treasury certificates; he have paid off \$1,000,000,000 of the public debt, we have reduced taxation by \$25,000,000 the first year and \$25,000,000 more the

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